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Sir/Madame:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the aboveidentified application. The application was filed on December 15, 2005 and, to date Applicant has received no office action or other communication from the PTO on the merits of the application. Kindly advise when we can expect examination of the application.

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